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ORA A. BROWN, Town Clerk.

SAMUEL H. BAKER,
FRANK H. LEAVITT,
CHARLES H. SANBORN, } Selectmen.

ORA A. BROWN, Treasurer.

STEPHEN C. BAKER, Collector.

GEORGE B. STEVENS, Overseer of Poor.

JONATHAN M. CHENEY,
ORA A. BROWN,
EDWARD P. WARNER, } Health Officers.

RINALDO R. D. DEARBORN, Librarian.

CHARLES U. FOGG, Janitor of Town Hall.

SELDEN J. COTTON, Road Agent.

GAY ROBIE,
JOHN W. LOWD,
CHARLES H. DICEY, } Constables.

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,
ALBERT E. PORTER,
JAMES F. HUCKINS, } Auditors.

EARL P. HARRINGTON,
CHARLES L. GORDON,
JOHN H. MORRILL, } Fire Wards.

EDWARD L. SHEPARD, Superintendent of Water Works.

CHARLES L. GORDON, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND, APRIL 1, 1899.

No. Polls, 354,	\$35,400 00
“ Horses, 255,	14,853 00
“ Oxen, 10,	483 00
“ Cows, 222,	5,240 00
“ Neat Stock, 46,	858 00
“ Sheep, 94,	246 00
“ Fowls, 800,	300 00
“ Carriages,	1,734 00
Money at Interest,	4,350 00
Stock in Trade,	62,290 00
“ “ Banks,	11,369 80
Mills and Machinery,	105,700 00
Real Estate,	342,399 00
Non Resident Real Estate,	9,849 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$595,071 80

VALUATION BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1,	\$542,171 80
“ “ 2,	52,900 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$595,071 80

MONEY RAISED.

For town charges,	\$1,200 00
library,	100 00
memorial day,	100 00
fire department,	250 00
fire alarm and fountain,	500 00
state tax,	977 50
county tax,	1,305 56
school tax,	1,250 00
extra school money, dist. No. 1,	1,200 00
“ “ “ “ “ 2.	215 00
highways, 1-4 of 1 per cent.,	1,487 67
sidewalks,	900 00
overlay,	332 98
Total money raised,	<hr/> \$9,818 71
Rate per cent on \$100, \$1.65.	

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Reed. of E. Horrigan, billiard license,	\$10 00
L. B. Brooks, “ “	20 00
Grafton Co., support of poor,	425 09
“ “ “ “ “	57 07
state treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
“ “ railroad “	138 01
“ “ savings bank tax,	793 81
“ “ literary fund,	127 11
“ “ special school	
fund,	367 61
F. L. Thompson, rent, Masonic	
Hall,	50 00
H. C. Dearborn, rent of shed,	34 50
E. G. Gammons, “ “ tomb,	1 00
Dr. J. M. Cheney, lumber,	8 25
on town note, soldiers' mon-	
ument,	1,500 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3,536 20

PAYMENT.

Paid town treasurer,	\$3,536 20
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HIGHWAY, SIDEWALK AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Raised 1-4 of 1 per cent. of valuation,	\$1,487 67	
to grade sidewalk, Thompson St.,	300 00	
for concreting,	600 00	
Unexpended appropriation, '98,	72 44	
Total,	<hr/>	\$2,460 11
Paid S. J. Cotton, road agent,	\$1,425 17	
for bridge account,	19 90	
grading sidewalk, Thompson St.,	299 38	
concreting and stone,	502 00	
Total,	<hr/>	\$2,246 45
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Balance unexpended,		\$213 66

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, 400 town	
reports,	\$50 00
A. E. Porter, cash book for town	
treasurer,	2 00
F. M. Hughes, insurance on Town Hall	
for 3 years,	80 00
Ashland Electric Light Co., quarter	
ending May 15,	158 44
W. H. Sullivan, painting and dec-	
orating Town Hall,	150 00
F. L. Hughes, bills paid for repairs,	
Town Hall,	40 26
Hughes & Brown, supplies for repair	
of Town Hall,	6 72
John Keniston, supt. of schools,	62 50
Silsby & Sons, books for town,	2 92
Dexter Sanborn, enumeration and	
making report, school dist. No. 2,	10 00
F. L. Thompson, labor, Town Hall	
yard,	2 00

Paid Ashland Electric Light Co., quarter ending Aug. 15,	200 69
C. H. Sanborn, labor and material, Town Hall yard fence,	6 00
Kusumpe Lumber Co., lumber and saw dust for Town Hall,	8 01
E. L. Shepard, on stand, Town Hall grounds,	1 50
Ashland Electric Light Co., quarter ending Nov. 15,	203 07
O. A. Brown, recording 16 deaths, 31 births, 13 marriages, 30 chil- dren's names,	15 50
F. M. Hughes, agt., insuring library building,	40 00
Silsby & Son, town order book,	81
Gladys M. Baker, copying inventory,	5 00
A. M. Asso., wood and supplies for library building,	2 35
Ashland Electric Light Co., quarter ending Feb. 15, 1900,	203 07
Noyes Hill, labor on wood, library building,	1 75
G. Randall, labor, library building,	40
Burleigh & Adams, counsel, tax abate- ment petition,	2 00
Dr. J. M. Cheney, reporting 16 births, 8 deaths,	6 00
Dr. M. C. Spaulding, reporting 6 births, 3 deaths,	2 25
Dr. A. R. Garey, reporting 10 births, 5 deaths,	3 75
O. A. Brown, revenue and postage stamps.	7 76

Paid Daniel Mitchell, overpaid tax, 1898,	2 08
Brown & Huckins, stationery etc, town,	1 09
Plymouth Record, printing tax bills,	2 30
O. D. Thompson, labor and supplies,	
Town Hall stove and pipe,	11 80
Gay Robie, blankets for lobby,	1 15
G. B. Stevens, supplies, “	6 36
S. H. Baker, fare to Concord and	
return to settle with state,	2 30
F. Whipple, 2 ducks killed by dogs,	3 24
J. M. Cotton, care of Mrs. Mitchell,	5 50
D. Plaisted, labor on wood, library	
building,	50
E. P. Warner, Memorial Day appro-	
priation,	100 00
Total,	—————\$1,411 07

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

DIST NO. 1.

Paid O. A. Brown, bills paid,	381 91
International Paper Co., supplies,	
school dist. No. 1,	9 40
Brown & Huckins, supplies, school	
dist. No. 1,	3 02
Hughes & Brown, supplies, school	
dist. No. 1,	14 54
G. F. King & Co., supplies, school	
dist. No. 1,	15 20
Cambridge Botanical Co., supplies,	
school dist. No. 1,	2 75
Plymouth Record, printing, school	
dist. No. 1,	5 25
A. S. Clough,	18 00
D. C. Heath,	3 60

Paid Prang Educational Co.,	56 10
Hughes & Brown,	24 42
Total,	<hr/> \$534 19

DIST. NO 2.

Paid Rand, McNally & Co.,	4 80
J. H. Blanchard,	8 90
Hughes & Brown,	9 30
T. P. Cheney, assignee, Hodgdon & Pollard acct.,	3 85
J R. Stevens,	6 90
Total,	<hr/> \$33 75
Total current expense,	\$1,979 01
Current expense appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Memorial day “	100 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,300 00
Appropriation exceeded,	<hr/> \$679 01

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid G. F. Dow, supervisor, March election, '99,	\$5 00
G. H. Dearborn, services, Nov. election, '98,	2 00
M. G. Tucker, supervisor, Nov. '98 and Mar. '99,	7 00
Dexter Sanborn, supervisor, Mar. '99,	5 00
E. P. Smith. care town clock,	25 00
G. B. Gordon, moderator, March and June meetings, '99,	4 00
O. A. Brown, services, town treasurer,	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ clerk,	50 00
“ “ “ “ health officer,	5 00
E. P. Warner, “ “ “	5 00

Paid Dr. J. M. Cheney, sec. board of health,	10 00
M. G. Tucker, truant officer,	50 00
C. U. Fogg, to bal., services, janitor	
Town Hall,	21
S. C. Baker, collector,	100 00
C. H. Sanborn, selectman,	25 00
F. H. Leavitt, "	50 00
S. H. Baker, "	125 00
G. B. Stevens, overseer of poor,	50 00
C. L. Gordon, to bal., services as	
janitor, '98,	6 47
R. R. D. Dearborn, librarian,	50 00
Wm. Brethrick, auditor,	1 00
A. E. Porter, "	1 00
J. F. Huckins, "	1 00
Total,	————\$627 68

FIRE ALARM.

Paid Am. Electrical Works, blue vitriol,	\$12 65
Beattie Zinc Co. supplies,	13 00
C. L. Gordon, bills paid,	2 40
" " " services supt., and labor	
changing wires,	37 65
Total,	————\$65 70

The selectmen wish to state that, after careful investigation of different systems, and consultation with the leading firemen of the state, and aided by the advice and experience of the Fire Wards, foremen of companies, and firemen as a whole, they have been unable to select a fire alarm superior to that now in use. Therefore none has been purchased.

Appropriation for fire alarm and fountain,	\$500 00
Cost of fountain completed,	129 63
Unexpended appropriation,	————\$370 37

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

DIST. NO. 1.

<i>School Money.</i>	<i>Repair Money,</i>	<i>Dog License,</i>	<i>Literary Fund,</i>	<i>Special Fund,</i>	<i>Total Amount.</i>
\$1,938.56	\$800.00	\$150.49	\$115.81	\$334.93	\$2,939 79

Paid out as follows :

Paid O. A. Brown, treasurer dist. No. 1,	\$2,539 79
F. L. Hughes, " repair com.,	400 00
Total,	—————\$2,939 79

DIST. NO. 2.

<i>School Money,</i>	<i>Repair Money,</i>	<i>Dog License,</i>	<i>Literary Fund,</i>	<i>Special Fund,</i>	<i>Total Amount.</i>
\$311.44	\$15.00	\$14.68	\$11.30	\$32.68	\$385.10

Paid out as follows :

Paid J. R. Stevens, treas. dist. No. 2,	\$370 10
J. H. Eastman, " repair com.,	15 00
Total,	—————\$385 10

GRAFTON COUNTY PAUPERS.

Due from county, Feb. 15, '99,	\$367 16
Paid G. B. Stevens, overseer of poor,	325 98
Total,	—————\$693 14
Reed. from county,	\$482 16
Due " " "	210 98
Total,	—————\$693 14

POLICE ACCOUNT.

Paid Adolph Morin, special service,	\$2 00
C. H. Heath, " "	5 00
Gay Robie, chief,	35 00
J. W. Lowd,	25 00
Total,	—————\$67 00

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.

Amt. state, county, town, school and highway taxes,	\$9,906 16
interest collected,	11 15
overpaid town treasurer,	32 46
Total,	<u> \$9,949 77</u>

Accounted for as follows :

Amt. of abatements,	\$143 26
“ “ discounts,	258 64
“ “ treasurer's receipts,	9,547 87
Total,	<u> \$9,949 77</u>

TOWN LIBRARY.

Unexpended appropriation, '98,	\$33 41
Appropriation, '99,	100 00
Reed. in fines, etc.,	5 69
Total,	<u> \$139 10</u>
Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, printing, books, and supplies bought,	\$133 83
F. G. Cummings, wood,	6 00
Total,	<u> \$139 83</u>
Appropriation etc., exceeded,	<u> 73</u>

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, '99,	\$534 67
Total receipts during year,	22,316 51
Total,	<u> \$22,851 18</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during year,	\$22,552 99
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1900,	298 19
Total,	<u> \$22,851 18</u>

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1900,	\$33,978 80
Assets,	509 17
Bal. against town Feb. 15, 1900,	—————\$33,469 63
Liabilities Feb. 15, '99,	\$33,040 85
Assets,	901 83
Bal. against town Feb. 15, '99,	—————\$32,139 02
	—————
Increase of debt during year,	\$1,330 61
Money hired for purchase of monument,	\$1,500 00
Int. on same to Feb. 15, 1900,	37 19
Total,	—————\$1,537 19
Increase of debt during year,	1,330 61
	—————
Decrease of debt aside from monument account,	\$206 58

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, '99,	\$534 67
Taxes from collector,	9,547 87
Billiard licenses,	30 00
County, support of poor,	482 16
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad “	138 01
Savings bank tax,	793 81
Literary fund,	127 11
Special school fund,	367 61
Rent, Masonic hall,	50 00
“ town shed,	34 50
Dog licenses,	168 77
Use of tomb,	1 00
For lumber,	8 25
On town notes,	9,200 00
Water rents,	1,363 67
Total,	—————\$22,851 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

County tax,	\$1,305 56
State “	977 50
Current expenses, including Memorial day appropriation,	1,978 99
Schools,	3,324 89
County poor,	325 98
Highways and bridges,	1,445 07
Sidewalks,	801 38
Library,	134 14
Fire department,	327 17
“ alarm,	65 70
Fountain,	129 61
Notes and interest,	9,452 86
Collector, to balance,	32 46
Town officers,	627 68
Police,	67 00
Board of health,	57 00
Monument,	1,500 00
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	298 19
Total,	—————\$22,851 18

Since our last report, the interest on the town debt has been reduced from four to three and one-half per cent., making a saving of more than \$160.00 per annum; the Town Hall and Library Building have been reinsured for a term of three years, at a cost of \$120.00; the Town Hall repaired at a cost of about \$200.00; the school supplied with additional apparatus and books, at a cost of more than \$560.00, and the town debt reduced, aside from cost of soldiers' monument, \$206.58.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. BAKER,	} Selectmen of Ashland.
FRANK H. LEAVITT,	
CHARLES H. SANBORN,	

Report of Superintendent of Water Works.

Amt. recd.,		\$1,911 57
Paid for service pipe construction :		
Paid Cole Mfg. Co., 12 curb boxes,	\$12 00	
freight on curb boxes,	25	
O. D. Thompson, labor and supplies,	126 66	
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., rubber		
packing,	3 30	
W. P. Norris, express,	35	
Total,	—————	\$142 56
Maintenance account :		
Paid Edward L. Shepard, services, supt.,	\$115 00	
“ “ “ labor digging		
ditches, cutting bushes, cleaning		
out reservoir, etc.,	42 64	
S. E. Lougee, town New Hampton,		
taxes,	226 93	
R. L. Howe, labor on ditch,	14 71	
R. R. D. Dearborn, printing,	3 50	
Lemuel Smith, building gate,	2 00	
T. E. Carr, repairs,	35	
W. F. Hardy, money order, stamp and		
envelope,	21	
Total maintenance,	—————	\$405 34
Amt. paid town treasurer,		\$1,363 67
Total amt. recd. for water from July 1, '99,		
to July 1, 1900,		\$1,911 57
Paid for maintenance to Feb. 15, 1900,	\$405 34	
Interest on notes, year ending		
Feb. 15, 1900,	1,205 21	
Total,	—————	\$1,610 55

Total amt. recd. more than cost of maintenance,		\$301 02
Income from water works, 1899 :		
Amt. water sold, '99,	\$1,911 57	
Use of 44 hydants, \$25 each,	1,100 00	
“ “ 3 fountains, “ “	75 00	
Total,		\$3,086 57
Income, '98,		\$3,023 39
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Increase of income, '99,		\$63 18
No. taps Feb. 15, '99,	142	
“ “ made past year,	13	
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Total No. taps Feb. 15, 1900,	155	
Total cost of water works to date,		\$33,901 91
Total income for the year,		3,086 57

The sixth annual report shows the water works yet on the increase. The past year there was collected for water, nineteen hundred eleven dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$1,911.57). Out of the amount collected, all bills have been paid, amounting to five hundred fifty-seven dollars and ninety cents (\$557.90), and the balance of the amount collected, one thousand three hundred sixty-three dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$1,363.67), paid to the town treasurer.

The past year the bushes have been cut from reservoir to Jackson pond, the water in reservoir drawn out twice, and the reservoir cleared of all sticks, mud, lily pads, and filth of all kinds ; have opened the blow-off places in pipe several times during my term of office, and have tried to keep the water pure and wholesome. Thanking you all for your liberal patronage in the water business,

I remain yours,

EDWARD L. SHEPARD, Supt.

Report of Road Agent.

Paid S. J. Cotton,	labor,	\$42 40
C. H. Dow,	"	5 50
Otto Willoughby,	"	20 65
G. A. Andrews,	"	4 87
A. F. Nichols,	"	17 12
H. Landrock,	"	3 50
Fred Carr,	"	5 37
E. Baker,	"	2 50
J. B. Carr,	"	1 75
E. Short,	"	4 00
G. E. Dow,		1 00
F. Russell,		1 00
A. White,		1 00
W. Lougee,		1 87
J. Lougee,		1 87
W. Clark,		1 25
L. Carr,		62
S. Tanguay,		1 25
B. Rollins,		62
F. I. Jordon, blacksmith work,		45
S. Holmes,	labor,	1 00
G. Lambert,		6 30
C. Sanborn,		7 25
" "		4 80
S. J. Cotton,		50 80
Otto Willoughby,		7 20
G. Andrews,		12 57
E. Baker,		9 87
C. H. Dow,		5 50
A. F. Nichols,		3 85
C. H. G. Dow,		1 60

Paid E. Eastman,	75
G. Vermette,	2 50
B. Baker,	1 50
O. Bryant,	1 62
G. Bryant,	1 50
H. Bickford,	3 18
R. Sanborn,	14 91
G. Lambert,	6 00
W. B. Smith,	5 50
R. Baker,	2 25
C. Baker,	4 90
S. J. Cotton,	57 60
C. H. G. Dow,	32 00
E. Baker,	9 75
F. Carr,	17 25
J. Smith,	11 24
P. Pouline,	10 62
F. Norman,	10 62
J. I. Brown,	15 75
F. Lougee,	9 37
W. Lougee,	9 37
D. P. Calley,	1 25
R. Baker,	3 75
G. Lambert,	2 70
H. Bickford,	1 12
G. Andrews,	62
S. J. Cotton,	46 80
C. H. G. Dow,	25 20
J. Smith,	3 25
F. Lougee,	5 75
W. Lougee,	10 12
P. Pouline,	5 75
F. Norman,	6 37
J. I. Brown,	5 95

Paid W. Clark,	6 25
L. Carr,	3 62
I. Evans,	8 75
F. Garrity,	3 75
A. Lacourse,	3 75
J. Morin,	4 37
D. Calley,	3 75
F. Carr,	9 00
S. J. Cotton,	54 40
C. H. G. Dow,	31 20
F. Lougee,	9 37
W. Lougee,	11 25
P. Pouline,	6 87
D. Calley,	10 00
F. Carr,	12 75
W. Clark,	10 00
J. Smith,	3 12
I. Evans,	5 00
S. Tanguay,	3 75
T. Biladeau,	4 37
R. Baker,	3 75
C. Eastman,	97
F. Eastman,	12 00
S. J. Cotton,	55 20
F. Carr,	16 50
W. Clark,	13 12
D. Calley,	12 87
W. Lougee,	9 37
I. Evans,	8 50
I. Woods,	3 12
F. Lougee,	1 87
T. Biladeau,	1 25
F. Wadleigh,	22 30
C. Sanborn,	9 30

Paid H. Fogg,	2 57
H. H. Shepard, agt., plank,	16 27
S. J. Cotton, labor,	64 00
F. Carr,	24 00
W. Clark,	14 12
D. Calley,	13 50
W. Lougee,	11 25
I. Evans,	19 75
I. Woods,	10 00
F. Lougee,	18 75
F. Locke,	1 87
T. Biladeau,	7 25
O. Bryant,	6 62
C. H. G. Dow,	37 20
R. Baker,	5 75
S. J. Cotton,	22 40
D. Calley,	1 75
F. Lougee,	4 12
C. H. Dow,	1 25
F. Heath,	1 50
F. Carr,	2 40
I. Evans,	75
H. C. Fogg,	1 90
S. Blanchard,	50
R. P. Sanborn,	2 50
A. H. Tilton,	4 75
S. J. Cotton,	28 00
F. Heath,	6 75
F. Lougee,	4 68
A. F. Nichols,	1 75
C. H. Dow,	1 25
A. F. Fifield, repairs,	1 80
J. Hadlock, castings and express,	90
S. J. Cotton, labor,	43 60

Paid F. Heath,	16 35
F. Lougee,	6 50
C. H. Dow,	4 62
A. F. Nichols,	15 60
J. Frazier,	62
W. Lougee,	62
F. D. Eastman,	4 00
R. P. Sanborn,	7 89
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	13 13
T. Biladeau, labor,	1 25
H. C. Bickford,	1 20
G. Lambert,	5 95
C. E. Baker,	4 40
C. H. Sanborn,	5 25
F. Fifield, supplies,	76
W. P. Norris, wire rope,	1 00
G. W. Plummer, painting bridge,	7 35
Hughes & Brown, paint for “	10 55
Total,	<hr/> \$1,444 07
Amt. of appropriation, '99,	\$1,487 67
Unexpended “ ’98,	72 44
Total,	<hr/> \$1,560 11
Total amt. expended,	1,444 07
Bal. unexpended,	<hr/> \$115 04

Grading sidewalk, Thompson St. acct. :

Amt. of appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid P. Perkins, labor,	\$26 25
C. H. Sanborn, “	21 87
J. Smith,	19 50
F. Lougee,	19 50
P. Perkins,	15 62
S. J. Cotton,	62 40

Paid C. H. G. Dow,	43 20
W. Clark,	9 12
J. Valley,	3 75
D. P. Calley,	11 25
A. Lacourse,	2 50
E. Morin,	7 50
I. Evans,	9 37
F. Carr,	9 75
W. Lougee,	6 25
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	10 95
F. I. Jordan, blacksmithing,	4 36
S. J. Cotton, labor,	10 00
F. Lougee,	3 12
D. P. Calley,	3 12
Total cost,	<hr/> \$299 38
Amt. unexpended,	62
Amt. raised for concreting,	\$600 00
Paid L. M. Pike & Son,	\$500 00
G. M. Hodgdon, stone,	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$502 00
Amount unexpended,	<hr/> \$98 00

S. J. Cotton, Road Agent.

Report of Fire Department.

Paid E. E. Kendrick estate, bal. due,	\$2 50
C. U. Fogg, shoveling snow from hydrants,	3 60
Geo. Fogg, shoveling snow from hydrants,	2 70
E. P. Harrington and help, trying hydrants,	5 50
A. F. Fifield, services as fireman,	3 25
J. G. Smith, for payment Hose Co. No. 1,	104 25
F. A. Carr, for payment Hose Co. No. 2,	138 95
E. P. Warner, payment Hook & Ladder Co.,	53 50
E. P. Harrington, chief and fire ward,	12 00
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	92
Total,	<hr/> \$327 17
Am't. of appropriation,	250 00
Appropriation exceeded,	<hr/> \$77 17

To the citizens of the town of Ashland :

In making this our annual report, we are glad to note that fires in our town have been few, and that the loss has been small. We have had only one fire where the damage was very much, and that was on March 31, when Mark S. Brown's buildings were burned, with a loss of about \$1500.00, and were insured for \$600.00. There was no alarm given.

On June 23, there was an alarm pulled in from Box 59, but there was no fire to be found ; on August 28, there was a small fire in the woodshed connected with the Ashland Domestic Ba-

kery, which was put out with a few pails of water, and there was no damage ; on Dec. 16, there was an alarm from Box 64, when we were called to the house of D. P. Calley, which was nearly filled with smoke, coming then out of the upper windows, but we could find no fire, only the chimney burning out ; on January 3, there was an alarm from Box 47, when we found a small fire in a tenement house occupied by Herman Lougee ; the damage was about \$30.00, to furniture, etc. : no insurance.

Our apparatus is in first class condition, and our firemen still keep up their well-earned reputation for doing prompt and efficient work. The fire alarm remains the same although an appropriation was voted at our last annual town meeting to make a change in it.

EARL P. HARRINGTON,	} Fire Wards.
CHARLES L. GORDON,	
JOHN H. MORRILL,	

Report of Janitor.

Recd. of Kinetoscope,	\$3 60
dance,	3 00
Rev. J. Thompson,	4 00
Ella Pollard,	3 00
W. R. C. play,	7 00
E. W. society,	6 20
Rebekahs' ball,	4 00
W. C. T. U.,	1 50
firemen's dance,	2 00
dance,	3 00
club dance,	3 00
dance,	3 00
Al Martz Show Co.,	3 00
Idolita club dance,	3 00
Dr. Greene's lecture,	3 00
Catholics,	3 00
Sockalexis Concert Co.,	14 00
E. W. society,	3 00
F. B. society fair,	6 00
Mrs. Dr. Drew, lecture,	3 00
W. C. T. U.,	1 50
Charity ball,	5 00
J. H. Rockwell Theatre Co.,	3 00
" " " " "	3 00
" " " " "	3 00
" " " " "	3 00
" " " " "	3 00
" " " " "	3 00
A. C. B. dance,	3 00
H. LaMarr Show Co.,	3 00
F. B. society,	4 00
A. C. B. dance,	3 00
T. O. U. club dance,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$121 80
Bal. due janitor,	21
	<hr/>
	\$122 01

Paid for 1 cord wood,	\$4 00
sawing “	50
duster,	35
cleaning hall yard,	1 25
1 cord wood,	2 75
sawing “	50
electric light globes,	75
1 cord wood,	2 75
sawing “	50
1 cord wood,	2 75
sawing “	50
1-2 cord wood,	2 00
sawing “	30
electric light globes,	1 50
Hughes & Brown,	3 39
electric light, April, '99	4 27
“ “ May, “	6 75
“ “ June, “	1 03
“ “ July, “	2 22
“ “ Aug., “	1 45
“ “ Sept., “	1 03
“ “ Oct., “	1 03
“ “ Nov., “	6 67
“ “ Dec., “	9 92
“ “ Jan., 1900,	4 02
“ “ Feb., “	3 08
janitor's services Memorial day,	2 00
“ fees,	41 00
“ labor repairing hall,	
11 days' work,	13 75
Total,	————\$122 01

CHAS. U. FOGG, Janitor.

Report of Overseer of Poor.

Amt. due from county Feb. 15, '99,	\$367 16
Paid A. M. Asso., groceries, Leston Day,	9 60
Mrs. Whitten, milk, J. Gamache	
family,	1 15
A. M. Asso., groceries, Victor Minnon,	25 36
" " " " " John Boynton	
family,	79 49
John B. Carr, board, I. Hobart,	4 50
Wm. Robie, rent, L. E. Day,	2 40
Wm. Perkins, " John Boynton	
family,	24 00
A. M. Asso., groceries, John Boynton	
family,	28 93
M. J. Chase, rent, John Boynton	
family,	18 00
Hodgdon & Pollard, meat, John	
Boynton family,	3 68
G. O. Kelley, delivering goods, John	
Boynton family,	10 50
S. Blanchard, rent, G. Randall,	28 00
A. M. Asso., groceries, G. Randall,	31 17
Dr. J. M. Cheney, attendance and	
medicine, G. Randall,	3 00
A. M. Asso., groceries, Mrs. S. C.	
Clark,	25 30
J. G. Morrison, rent, Mrs. Clark,	4 60
Kusumpe Lumber Co., wood, Mrs.	
Clark,	1 75
Dr. A. R. Garey, attendance and	
medicine, I. Huckins,	2 50
Brown & Huckins, prescription,	
I. Huckins,	50

Paid Dr. J. M. Cheney, attendance and certificate, I. Huckins,	75
Dr. J. M. Cheney, attendance and medicine, Mrs. Rankin,	24 75
Brown & Huckins, prescription, I. Hobart,	3 05
A. F. Nichols, two trips to Daniel Mitchell's,	2 00
E. L. Crockett, nursing Mitchell child,	1 00
	<hr/> \$703 14
Reed. from Duphine,	10 00
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Total,	\$693 14
Reed. from county,	\$482 16
Due " "	210 98
Total,	<hr/> \$693 14

Report of Health Officers.

Paid E. R. Angell, analyzing town water, and express,	\$3 25
Brown & Huckins, supplies,	3 75
Dr. J. M. Cheney, placarding and disin- fecting 24 houses,	35 00
Dr. J. M. Cheney, vaccination of 30 children,	15 00
Total,	<hr/> \$57 00

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, '99,	\$534 67
recd., tax collector,	9,547 87
supt. water works,	1,363 67
state treasurer,	1,430 29
selectmen, sundry accts.,	605 91
town clerk, dog licenses, '99,	168 77
M. C. Blake, on note,	1,000 00
Carrie A. S. Hughes, on note,	500 00
Elizabeth A. Smith, " "	500 00
Henry M. Smith, " "	1,500 00
Joseph H. Shepard, " "	2,000 00
F. L. Thompson, " "	1,500 00
Carrie A. Marston, " "	1,000 00
Mary Chase, " "	200 00
S. E. Chamberlain, " "	1,000 00
Total,	<hr/> \$22,851 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid county tax,	\$1,305 56
state " "	977 50
selectmen's orders,	10,817 07
C. A. S. Hughes, int. on notes,	482 69
E. J. Hughes, note and int.,	967 25
M. L. Sargent, " " "	111 18
G. B. Gordon, int. on note,	4 00
M. J. Gordon, " " "	21 60
S. A. Eastman " " "	195 12
C. B. McSweeney, on note,	10 00
G. C. Currier, note and int.,	1,226 66

Paid M. W. Shapleigh, note and int.,	2,460 00
E. G. Nichols, int. on note,	117 68
A. Scribner, " " "	474 68
H. M. Smith, " " "	358 40
J. E. Smith, int. on notes,	235 68
C. B. McSweeney, note and int.,	608 54
G. B. Stevens, int. on note,	120 47
G. E. Stevens, " " "	121 94
M. E. Scribner, G. E. S., int. on note.	122 40
J. A. Thompson, int. on note,	302 17
H. B. Thompson, " " "	193 39
O. D. Thompson, " " "	228 66
F. P. Nichols, " " "	152 96
D. C. Hill, " " "	191 99
H. M. Smith, " " "	430 15
M. L. Smith, " " "	97 61
J. F. Harrington, " " "	46 79
Wm. Bateman, " " "	99 98
M. F. Chase, " " "	25 37
F. C. Rogers, " " "	45 50
Cash in treasury,	298 19
Total,	————\$22,851 18

Librarian's Report.

Recd., unexpended appropriation, '98,	\$33 41
appropriation, '99,	100 00
for 2 library subscriptions, at 25	
cents for 6 mos.,	50
for 2 registration cards, 10c. each,	20
fines collected,	3 66
Total,	————\$137 77

Paid express on books,	\$1 90
freight,	64
cartage,	10
incidentals,	1 21
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co , books,	72 34
for Encyclopedia Brittanica,	28 50
1 book,	1 00
bookbinding,	26 21
Bal. on hand,	5 87
Total,	————\$137 77

No. vols. given by A. B. Shepard, Boston,	12
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Anna Whipple, Ashland,	15
“ “ bought by town,	116
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Increase during year,	143
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No. vols. in library Feb. 15, 1900,	2996
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1899,	2749

No. registration cards issued, Feb. 15, 1889	498
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1900,	524
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Increase during year,	26
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Report of Board of Education.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, DIST. NO. 1.

This report covers the time from Aug. 1, 1898, to Aug. 1, 1899. We have had 33 weeks of school, divided into two terms of 17 and 16 weeks. We mentioned in our last report that we were arranging a new system of classification, which we are pleased to say has been well received by pupils and parents. Pupils seem to take more interest in their studies, and aim to reach a higher standard.

During the winter, our schools were badly broken up by sickness, but our teachers were able to accomplish about the full amount of the year's work. Seven graduated from the ninth grade last June. The graduation last summer was a halcyon day for the participants, a pleasant remembrance for all concerned and an occasion worthy of emulation and repetition as the school years close.

Great improvements have been made in finishing off the two rooms in the upper part of the building, thereby relieving the congested condition of the schools, putting up a fire escape, concreting around the front of the building, and the addition of a large piece of ground in the rear, to be used as a playground.

The Higher Grammar was taught by Miss L. M. Bryant, with her usual success. Whole number of pupils, 36; average attendance, 31. The Lower Grammar was taught by Miss Ethyle Hawkins, with a fair degree of success. Whole number of pupils, 33; average attendance, 28. The First Primary was taught by Miss Lillian J. Brown, who has been with us so long, that she needs no recommendation. Whole number of pupils, 43; average attendance, 33. The Second Primary was taught by Miss Edith M. Bryant and Miss Alice P. Sargent, with quite good results, considering the irregular attendance of many of the pupils. Whole number of pupils, 71; average at-

tendance, 60.

The teachers and some of the pupils are obliged to do much work in the school building nearly every night after school, and electric lights are needed; also a system of electric bells, to be used in case of fire, is needed in all the rooms.

C. H. PATTEE, Pres.

DEXTER SANBORN, Sec.

Report of School Board.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, KNOWN AS PEASE DIST.

Spring term, taught by W. R. Brown. Length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$7.50 per week; number of pupils, 14. This was Mr. Brown's first attempt at teaching. The order maintained was not just what it should have been, otherwise I was much pleased with his work.

Fall term, taught by Miss L. E. Osgood. Length of term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$7.00 per week; number of scholars, 14. Miss Osgood has had some experience in this direction and is a first class teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BLANCHARD,

Member of School Board.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, KNOWN AS CALLEY DIST.

Whole number weeks' school, 19 ; total wages paid teachers, including board, and car fare to Boston for Miss Neis, \$144.53. First term, 7 weeks, began Oct 3, and closed Nov. 18, Sadie E. Locke, teacher. Second term, 12 weeks, commenced by Anna M. Neis, Jan. 11, continued 7 4-5 weeks, to March 4. Term was very satisfactorily finished by a former teacher, Walter H. Miller of New Durham, who taught 4 1-5 weeks, from Mar. 16 to Apr. 8.

We should have more weeks of school, in the interests of our children, which means more money. I also believe there should be another member added to the school board, whose duty shall be to have a general supervision of all our schools, and make out annual reports.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. STEVENS,

Member of School Board.

Report of Auditors.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, collector etc., and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,	}	Auditors.
A. E. PORTER,		
J. F. HUCKINS,		

Births registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Name of Father.		Maiden name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of	
					Color.	Color.				Father.	Mother.
Jan. 1	Lucy Bernice	F	Living	5	W.	W.	Susie LaMorie	Ashland	Farming	Concord	Fall River, Mass.
" 4	Mildred H.	F	"	2			Christie H. Hodgdon	"	Clerk	Ashland	Ashland
" 18	Beatrice May	F	"	2			Ida M. Hall	"	Laborer	"	Groton
Feb. 26	Robert Harris	M	"	0			Laura E. Perkins	"	Farming	Holderness	Holderness
" 13	Hazel E.	F	"	2			Mary E. Currier	"	"	Holderness	"
" 10	Elsie M.	F	"	2			Jessie M. Landrock	"	Operative	Canada	Ashland
" 26	Carl Lester	M	"	4			Estella M. Calfet	"	"	Ashland	W. Concord
Mar. 26	Lenora	M	"	1			Hannah Hill	"	Laborer	Canada	Canada
" 1	Oliver A. G.	M	"	1			Jennie Vallier	"	Weaver	Lowell, Mass.	Shr'br'ke, P. Q.
" 12	Marr	F	"	2			Delia M. Baker	"	Overscr	Manchester	Ashland
Apr. 22	Joseph P. S.	M	"	7			Mary Lavalley	"	"	Bethel, Vt.	Vagina, N. Y.
" 24	Mary A.	F	"	1			Delia Octeau	"	Operative	Canada	Canada
" 27	Doris	F	"	4			Mabel M. Sanborn	"	Farming	Bradford, Vt.	Fairlee, Vt.
May 26	Lena Florence	F	"	1			Martha L. Pollard	"	Book keeper	Bethel, Vt.	Barre, Mass.
June 7	James E.	M	"	3			Mabel J. Jewell	EC'mbr'g's Ashland	Salesman	Ashland	Belmont
" 8	King	F	"	1			Flora Grammaison	"	Operative	Canada	Canada
" 10	Delia Laura	F	"	2			Julia L. Landry	"	Weaver	Ashland	Williamantic, Ct
July 11	Vedora M.	F	"	3			Odella M. Ouflette	"	"	Laconia	Canada
" 11	Francis Knox	M	"	3			Alice L. Knox	"	Manager	Sanbornston	Sanbornston
" 13	Marion Thayer	F	"	3			"	"	"	"	"
Aug. 13	Ruth E.	F	"	1			Winnie V. Cole	"	Pap'r box mak'r	Ashland	Troy, Vt.
" 13	Michael	M	"	2			Mary Bouldard	"	Mill hand	Canada	Canada
" 15	Ern H. P.	M	"	1			Grace M. Vallier	"	Laborer	Jackson, Ill.	Laconia
Sept. 8	Eva Grace	F	"	4			Selma King	"	"	Canada	Canada
" 29	Ellen	F	"	4			Nora Guitt	"	"	"	Wallingford
Oct. 2	Marion R.	F	"	4			Rose A. Boucher	"	Barber	Hooksett	Warren
" 12	Grace	F	"	1			Eva S. Cummings	"	Farmer	"	Ashland
Nov. 18	Louise A.	F	"	3			Jessie Chamberlain	"	Mill operative	Bridgegewater	Newbury, Vt
" 19	Leavitt	F	"	2			Jennie S. Sargent	"	Carpenter	"	Holderness
Dec. 15	Martha P.	F	"	1			Emma L. Greener	"	Glove cutter	Hav'rhill, Mass	Manchester
" 31	Mary Annabelle	F	"	1			Josie Morin	"	Operative	Clinton, Mass.	Canada
" 31	"	M	"	5			Alice Boynton	"	Mill hand	Holderness	Center Harbor

Marriages registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of marriage 1899.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of each.	Place of birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d or 3d marriage.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Apr. 11	Ashland	Rollo X. Heath	N. Hampton	22	W.	Farming	Guildhall, Vt.	Angier A. Heath Carie Elkins	Farming	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
May 28	Ashland	Roxy Sauborn	Ashland	21		Housekeeping	Campton	Smith J. Sauborn Ida Plaisted	Farming	1	
		Albert L. Smythe	"	24		Operative	Ashland	Chas. Smythe Kendall Lizzie E. Smythe	U. S. signal off.	1	Jas. Thompson, Clergyman, Ashland
June 3	Ashland	Almeda M. Lafoe	"	24		Seamer	Quebec	George A. Lafoe Nellie A. Minnon	Machinist	1	
June 7	Plymouth	Solomon Danguay	"	24		Laborer	Canada	Jules Danguay Seraphine Bouliot	Farming	1	John E. Finah, R. C. Priest, Tilton
		Melenia White	"	21		Operative	"	Victor White Matilda Morin	Laborer	1	
June 14	Lakeport	Hiram Hodgdon	"	66		Hosiery mfg.	Northfield	John L. Hodgdon Sally Thurston	Farming	2	Lorin Webster Clergyman, Holderness
		Ella J. Plaisted	"	49			Lisbon	Leonard P. Clough Cordelia Barrett	Jeweller	2	
July 18	Tilton	Ray C. Harriman	"	22		Baker	Haverhill	John H. Harriman Cora M. Harriman	Artist	1	J. Roy Dinsmore, Clergyman, Laconia
		Adelaide M. Barnaby	Lakeport	23		Needle maker	Nova Scotia	John E. Barnaby Amanda Mahar	R. R. employ	1	John E. Finah, R. C. Priest, Tilton
Aug. 6	Ashland	Joseph E. Cluett	Ashland	23		Clerk	New Brunswick	Joseph Cluett Louise Pickard	Laborer	1	
		Susie M. Blanchard	"	21		Glove maker	Ashland	Lottie Ellison Hiram Philbrick	Tanner	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
Nov. 14	Ashland	William M. Philbrick	"	24		Hotel clerk	Eaton	Sarah Durgin William Sears	Farming	1	
		Blanche W. Sears	E. Boston	24		Clerk	Portsmouth	Carrie Whitten	Caulker	1	
		George H. Raymo	Ashland	24		Carder	Wheelock, Vt.	George Raymo Mary Bonner		1	John E. Finah, Clergyman, Tilton
		Annie Plant	"	23		Mill operative	Canada	Sybil Plant Mary LeBontin	Farming	1	

Dec. 2	2	Ashland	Charles M. Nelson	Plymouth	24	Photographer	Lancaster	Andrew Nelson Isabella Jolly Daniel Bowen Addie M. Kennetle George Parker Martha E. Johnson Chas. H. Spiller Ida J. Thompson Edwin B. Clement Rose A. Felch Wm. C. Hobart Mary Buzzell Geo. A. Moody Hattie A. Green George Taylor Stella A. Whitney Wm. C. Hobart Mary Buzzell Charles P. Clark Louisa M. Blake	Blacksmith	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
			Mabel F. Bowen	Ashland	23	Book keeper	Ashland		Mill operative	1	
Dec. 2	2	"	Willie H. Parker,	"	24	Teamster	Runney			1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
			Amy M. Spiller	Bridg'wat'r	21	Housekeeper	Bridgewater		Housewife	1	
Dec. 20	20	"	Alfred B. Clement	Ashland	23	Mill operative	Lowell, Mass.		Housewife	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
			Alice M. Hobart	"	18	"	Plymouth		Glove maker	1	
Dec. 23	23	"	Almon W. Moody	"	24	Carpenter	Tamworth		Housewife	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
			Cora M. Taylor	"	27	Housekeeper	Sandwich		Carpenter	1	
Dec. 31	31	"	Perley M. Hobart	"	20	Knitter	Plymouth		Housekeeper	1	J. Franklin Babb, Clergyman, Ashland
			Nellie M. Clark	"	19	Mill operative	Belmont		Glove maker	1	
									Housewife	1	

Deaths registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of death. 1899.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age,			Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.									
Feb. 6	Joseph F Greenleaf	45			Holderness	M	W.	M	Glove cutter	Holderness	Chester, Vt.	Hiram Greenleaf	Ann C. Pool
" 9	Jonathan F. Keyes	86			Hancock	M		M	Retired	Hollis		Abner Keyes	Susanna Baston
" 18	John Rovea	82	2	26	Canada	M		W	Laborer	Bethel, Vt.	Ashland	Thomas F. Marr	Delia M. Baker
Mar. 2	(Infant) Marr			1	Ashland	F		S		Ashland	Ashland	Geo. U. Flanders	Estella M. Calef
Apr. 15	Carl Lester Lougee		1	29	"	F		S	Housewife	"	Pomfret, Ct.	Peter Cunningham	Christie H Hodgd'n
May 22	Mildred H Flanders		3	18	"	F		S		Newton		Paul Chase	Sarah Ingalls
" 5	Elizabeth C Weeks	80	9	10	Pomfret, Ct.	F		M	Shoe cutter	Franklin	Boston, Mass.	B. F. Robie	Mary Currier
" 10	John C. Chase	91	2	11	Ashland	M		W		Concord	Holderness	Ned G. Huckins	Clara Drew
" 14	Christ ph'r C Robie	11	1	11	"	M		S		Canada	Canada	Joseph Deblouis	Eva Carr
July 9	Archie G. Huckins	11	1	11	"	M		S		Hampton	Hampton	Caleb Mason	Annie Tebush
" 9	Leon Deblouis	1	4	7	Tilton	F		S	Housekeeper	Ireland	Ireland	Calvin M. Andrews	Annette Adams
Aug. 3	Elizabeth A. Smith	69	10	7	Hampton	F		W		Ireland	Martha's Vin. Ms	John Splain	Elizabeth Buck
Sept. 1	Fannie R. Andrews	28			Ashland	F		S	Clerk	Holderness	Bridgewater	C. Albert Baker	Love B. Morse
Nov. 24	Elizabeth Deane	87	11	25	Dunmanaway Ire.	M		S	Retired	Loudon		Nath'l Batchelder	Almira Mitchell
Dec. 8	Stephen M. Baker	27	11	12	New York City	M		W.					
" 12	Nath'l P Batchelder	67			Bridgewater	M							

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ORA A. BROWN, Town Clerk.

